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Hey reader, welcome to **INDIVIDUAL**

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Wealthy Purple

Purple stands for creativity, royalty and wealth, which is everything INDIVIDUAL wants to share with you. It is a combination from the calm stability that blue offers, and the fierce, fiery energy that red brings along. Since the color purple has all sorts of effects on the body such as uplifting the spirits and calming the mind and nerves, this is the perfect color for the second edition of INDIVIDUAL. Sharing creativity, a feeling of wealth and an uplifted spirit. We wouldn't want anything else for you, our reader.

In this issue, you will find once again talented and inspiring student artists that are tied to Leeuwarden.

Enjoy reading.

Kind regards,

Team INDIVIDUAL



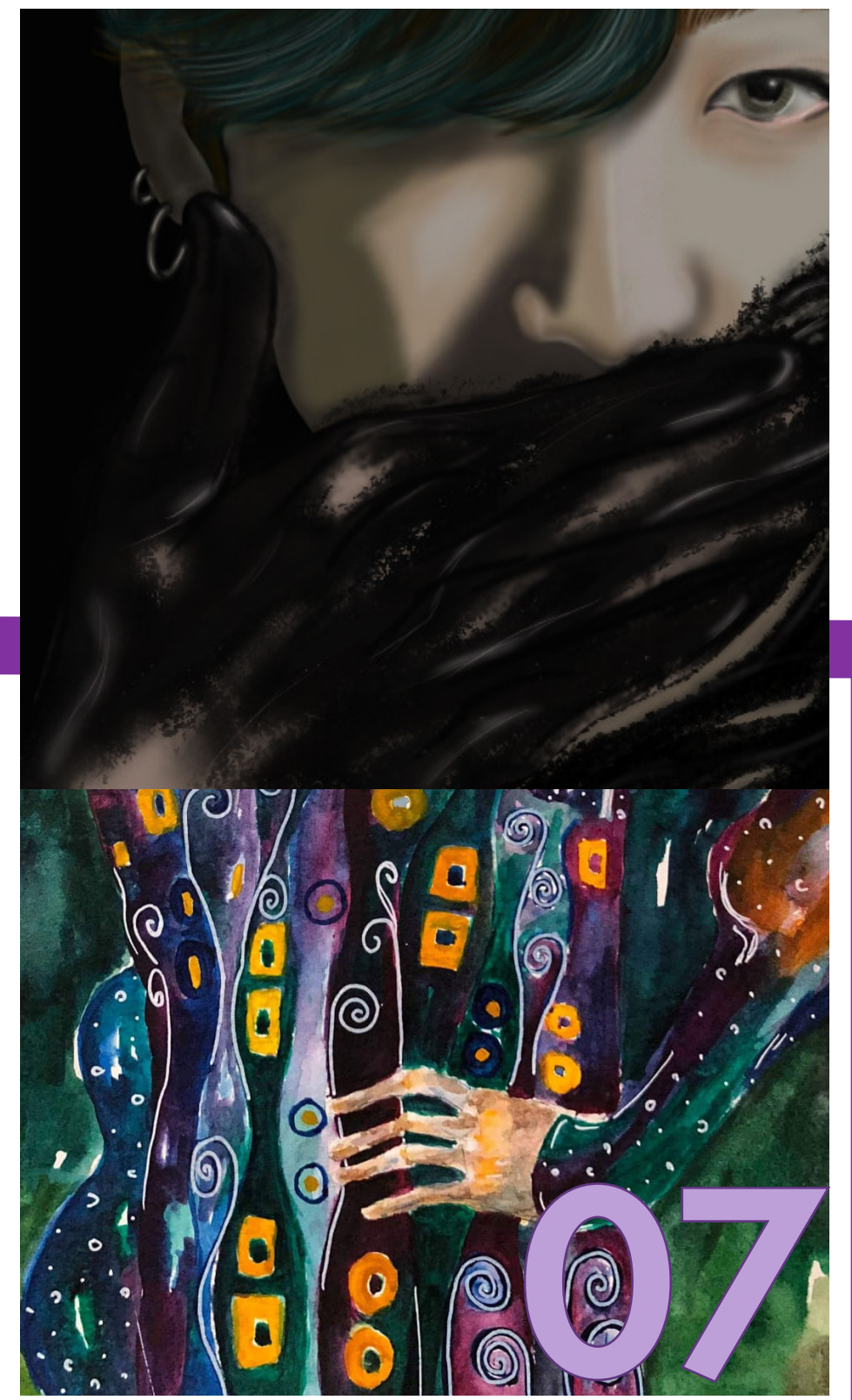
Artist of the week

A weekly rubric that puts one artist in the spotlights. This week, that artist is Irina.



Meet Mircea

A DJ that aspires to make a change in the clubs of Leeuwarden and provides a wider variety of music. Here is how.



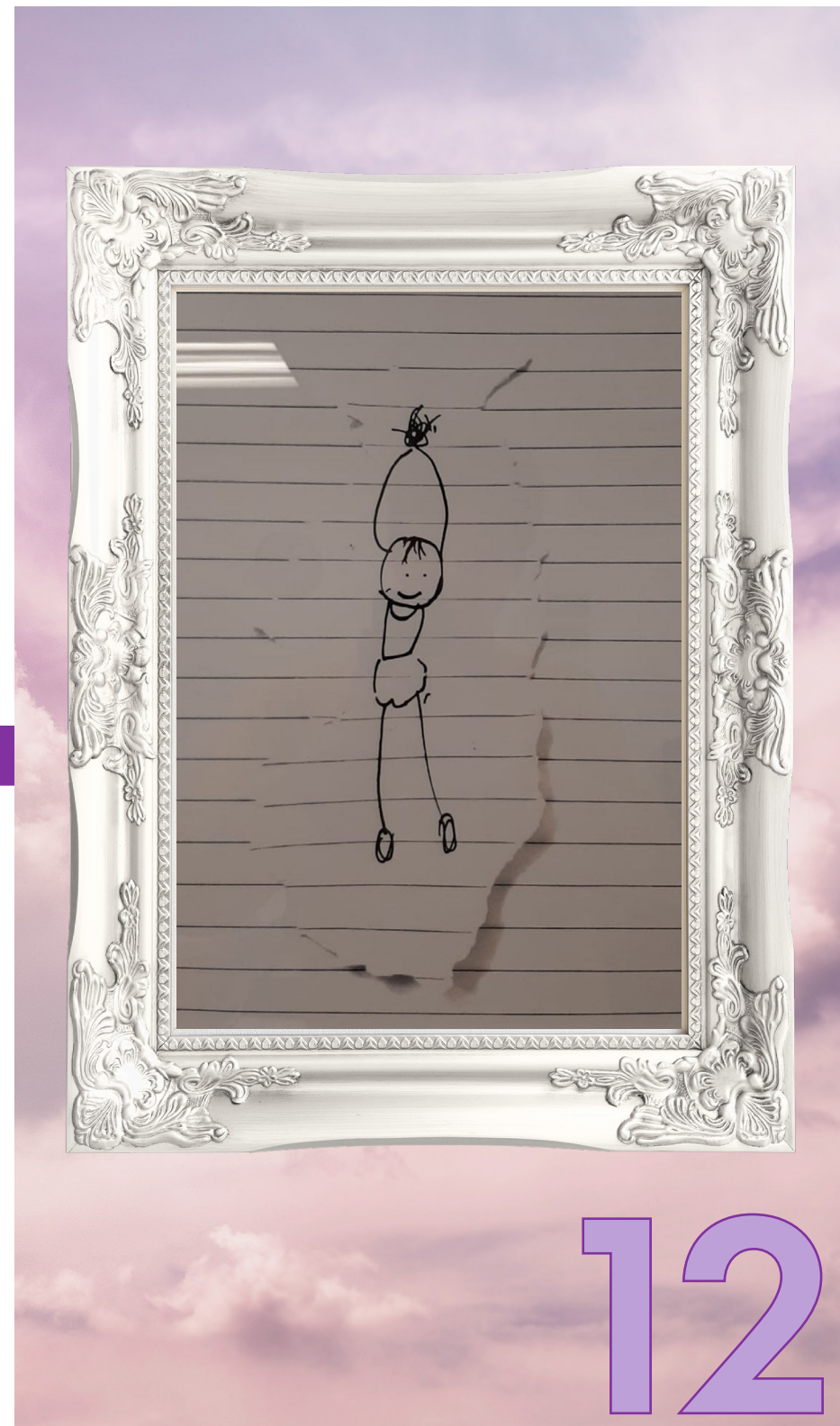
Art(s) of the week

A short photo montage of our weekly favourite art pieces by Students of Leeuwarden.



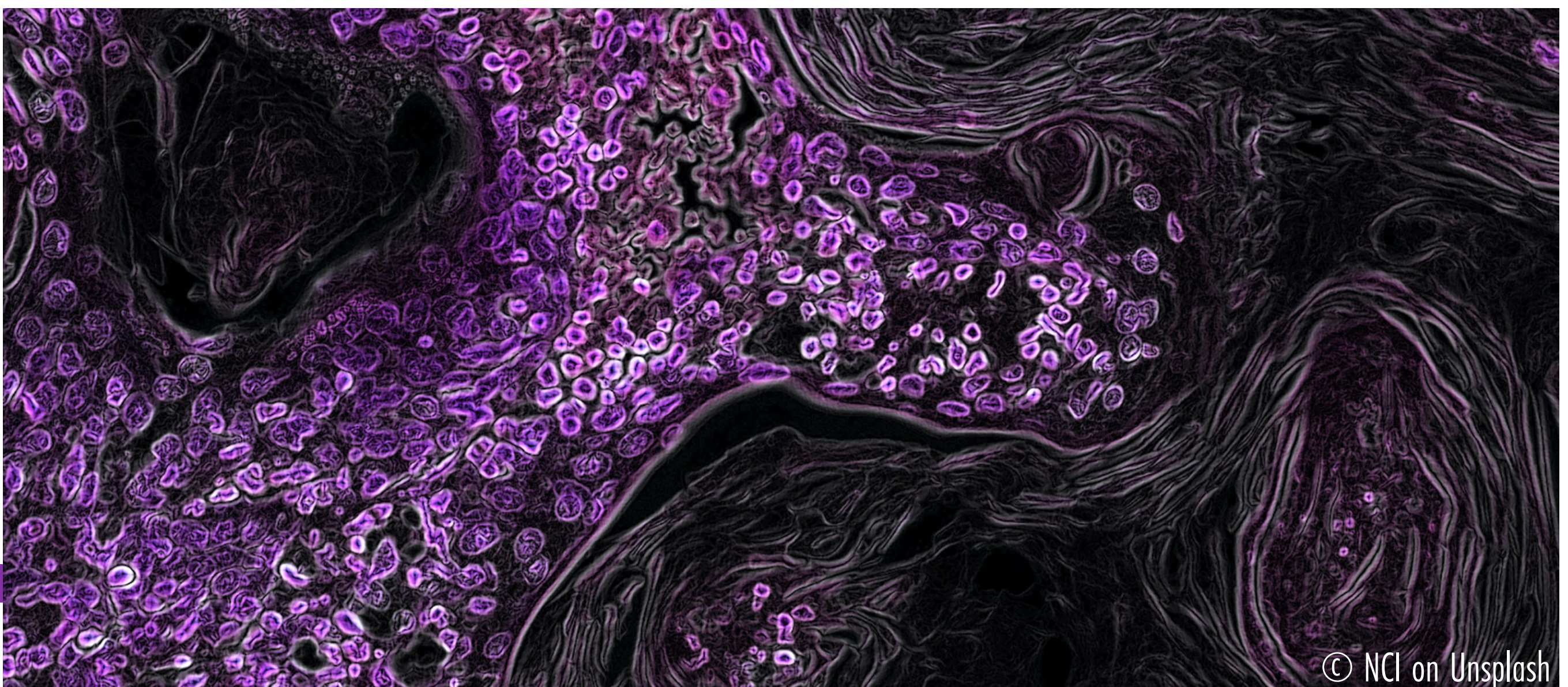
A photographers journey

Claudia's inspirational journey of uncertainty and commitment to become full time photographer.



#shareyourheART

This weeks instagram challenge, in wich the most touching art work will be displayed.



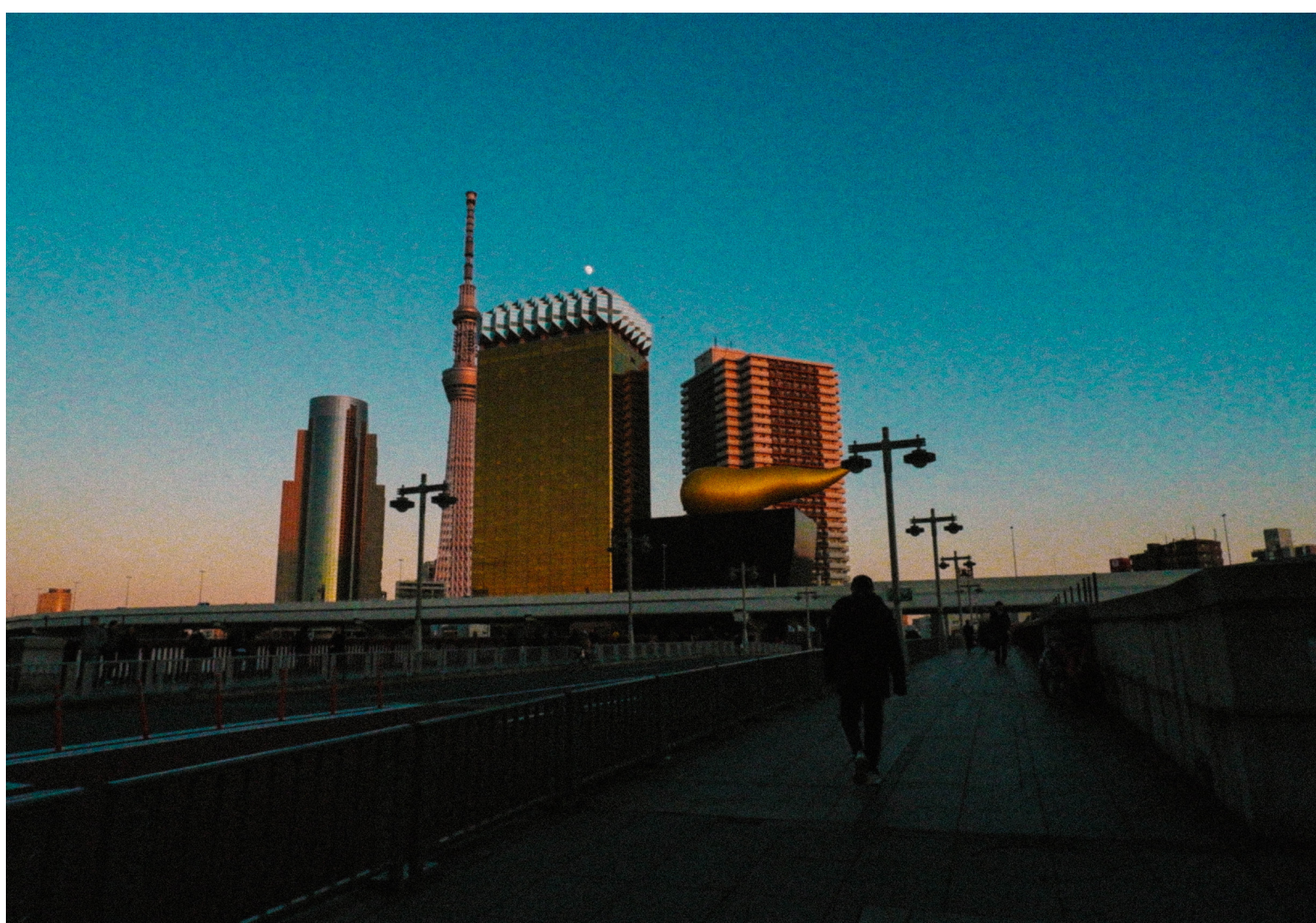
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Artist of the week

Irina Costea Shows her art of the week, with a wonderful inspiring story about the connection between the photographer and its photo's. Showing that some of her shots reflect her heart and soul.

IRINA IN A NUTSHELL

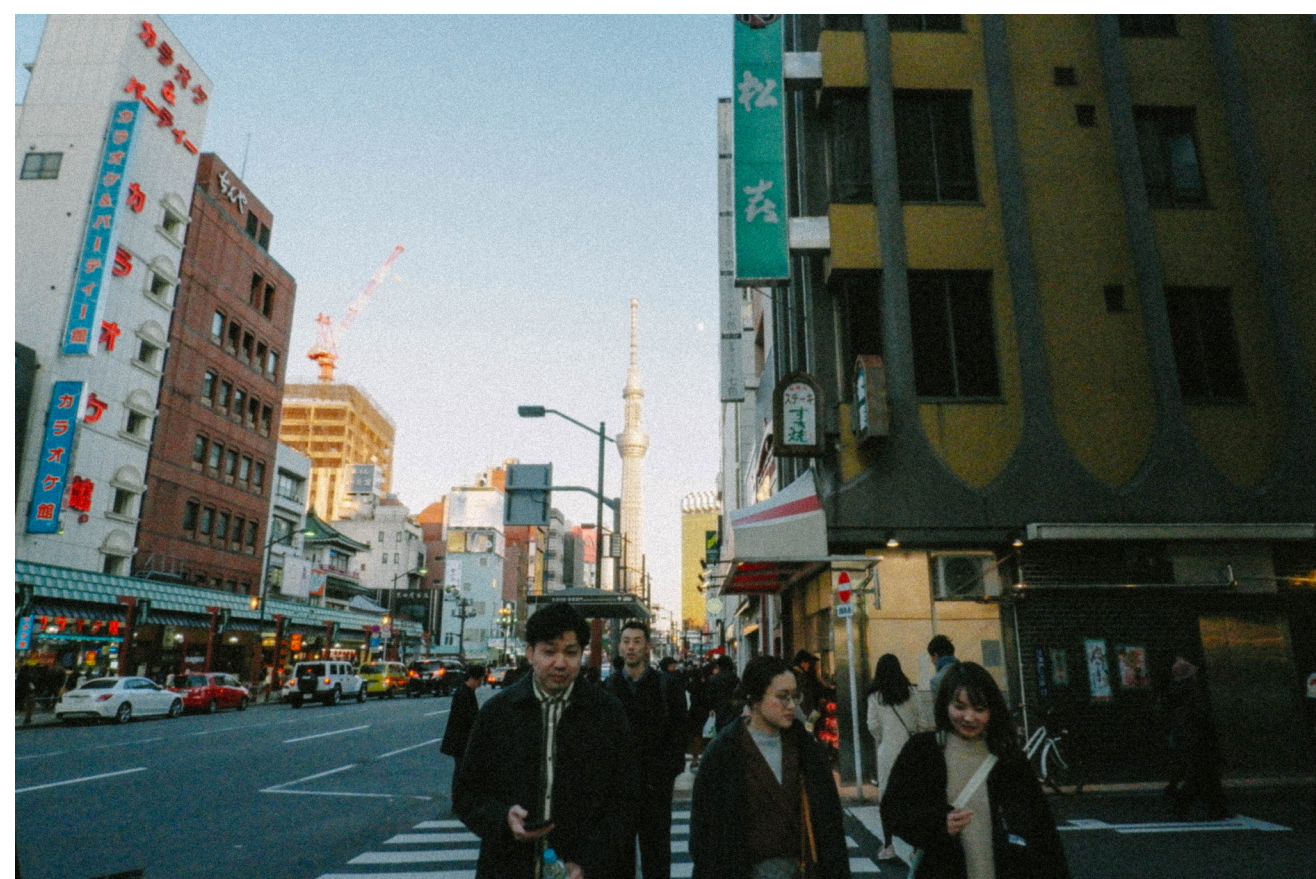
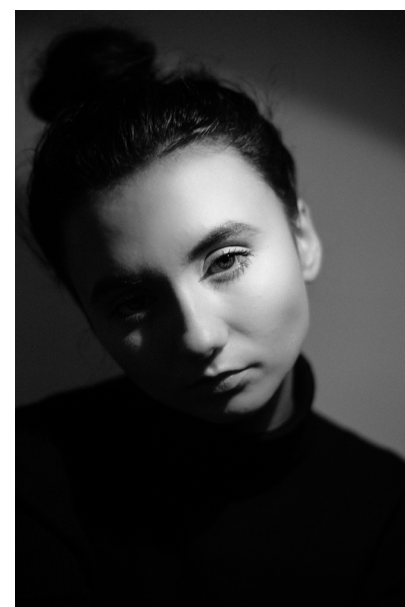
I'm Irina, 24 years old, 4th year Leisure and Events student from Romania, passionate about events and photography. While for the first subject is more story to be told, I will focus on photography since it is simply an extension of me. Through photography, I am able to talk to myself and people from a visual point of view. This is a way of presenting my perspective when words are not enough to describe.



© Personal photos of Irina

HER FAVOURITE ART PIECE

Thinking about an image that represents a once-in-a-life-time opportunity and a great experience, I would choose one from Tokyo, Japan. There, I left a little piece of my heart and what I got back was the most beautiful shot. I believe the composition is great, the colours are dramatically just I am, and the feeling that this picture gives to me is peace and gratitude to another sunset visualized in Tokyo. Moreover, the whole feeling on the image transports me to a different dimension where I travel sometimes when I need a break from my surroundings."



**If you are not
doing it for the
passion, you are
doing it for nothing.**

— MIRCEA COJOCARU

MEET THE DISC JOCKEY MIRCEA COJOCARU:

The life of the party.



MUSIC FOR THE EARS

We have all been to a party at some point in time, whether it being disco, hip hop, retro inspired, EDM or some other kind. Whether at a bar or a club, at a pristine restaurant, or over at a friend's house, at least once in our lives we have let loose and enjoyed ourselves at one. Regardless of where the party is held or what type it is, there's one aspect that's almost always the same – most parties have a DJ. It's hard to imagine a party without one, as they are the people who make the fun possible. One such person is Mircea Cojocaru.

Mircea is a 25-year-old DJ from Romania. He's been passionate about music since a very young age, mostly due to his parents' vast collection of different kinds of music. With a little help from others and a good friend as a DJ partner, Mircea managed to bring his favourite genres of music to life in the nightclubs of Leeuwarden.

“When I went to university, I became obsessed with electronic music and listened to it almost every day.”

MICRO COLLECTIF

During his studies in Leeuwarden, Mircea discovered that he wasn't satisfied with the city's nightlife as he couldn't find clubs that played his beloved electronic music. Because of that, he teamed up with a good friend of his, Alexander, and together they formed “Micro collectif,” a DJ duo that plays techno, house, electric and other kinds of music. “We were really unsatisfied with the lack of variety in parties in Leeuwarden, so we decided to make something ourselves.”

Mircea and Alexander were also lucky to be discovered by an owner of the nightclub 21, who really liked what Micro collectif was doing, and ever since then they've been able to play their favourite genre in various places in Leeuwarden. What Mircea finds most appealing in electronic music is perhaps its simplicity, minimalism and strength.

“ I love the way that it is so simple and so elegant, but at the same time so powerful.”

PLANS AND PARTIES

Being a DJ means lots of exciting party nights. For Mircea, none is as memorable and special as his first night playing music in a club, back in 2018, when they were able to play the whole night.

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, he is unfortunately no longer able to play at clubs for now, but he keeps his edge by listening to lots of music while he is at home.

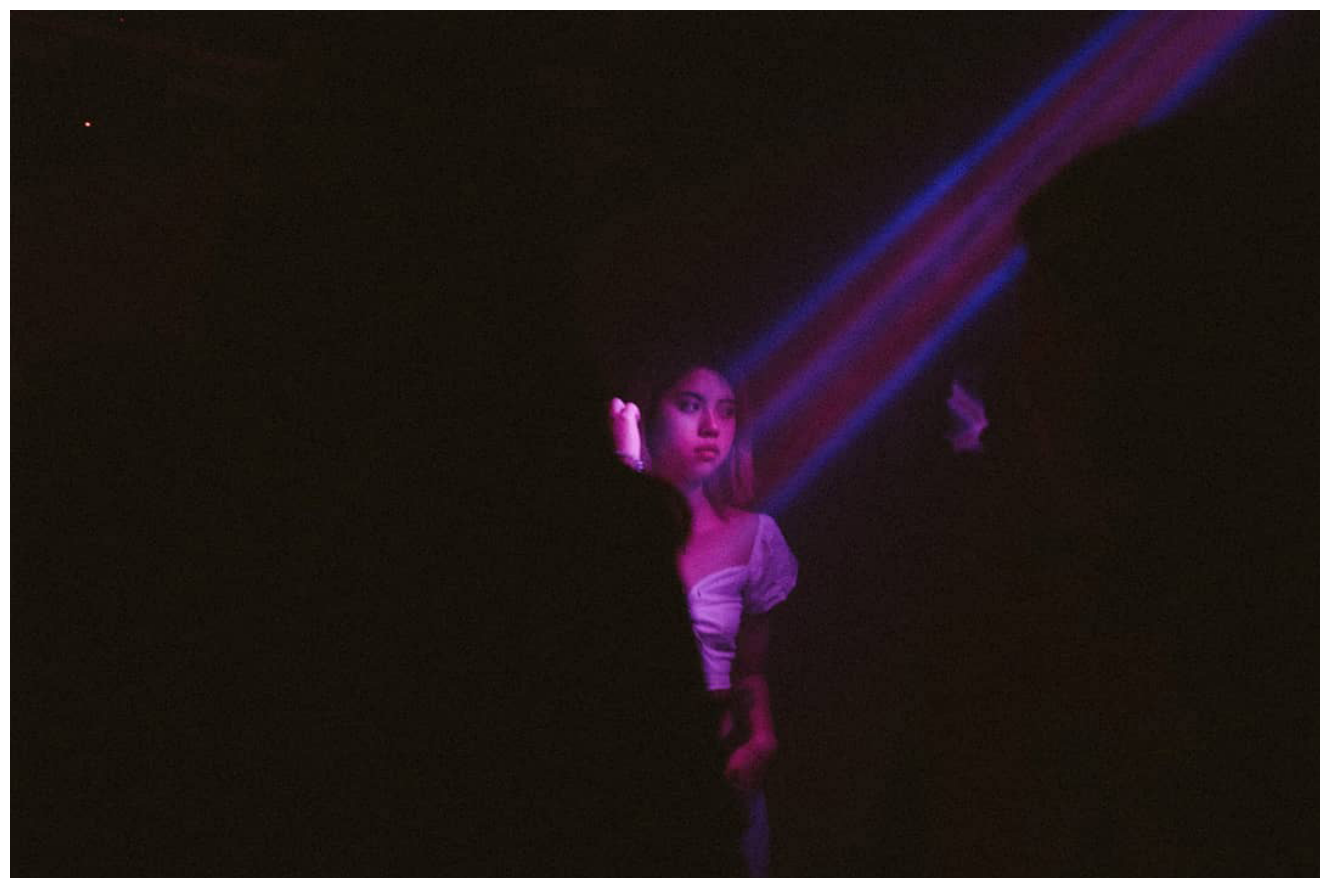
He does, however, have a plan for summer of 2021, when he and a friend of his plan to set up a concept in Bulgaria.

“We are hoping to make it to the biggest electronic music summit in the world”

WORDS OF WISDOM

Mircea has turned his passion into something he is now very proud of and wants to help inspire others to do the same.

“It’s all about passion. just do it for the passion, because if you are not doing it for that, you are doing it for noting.”



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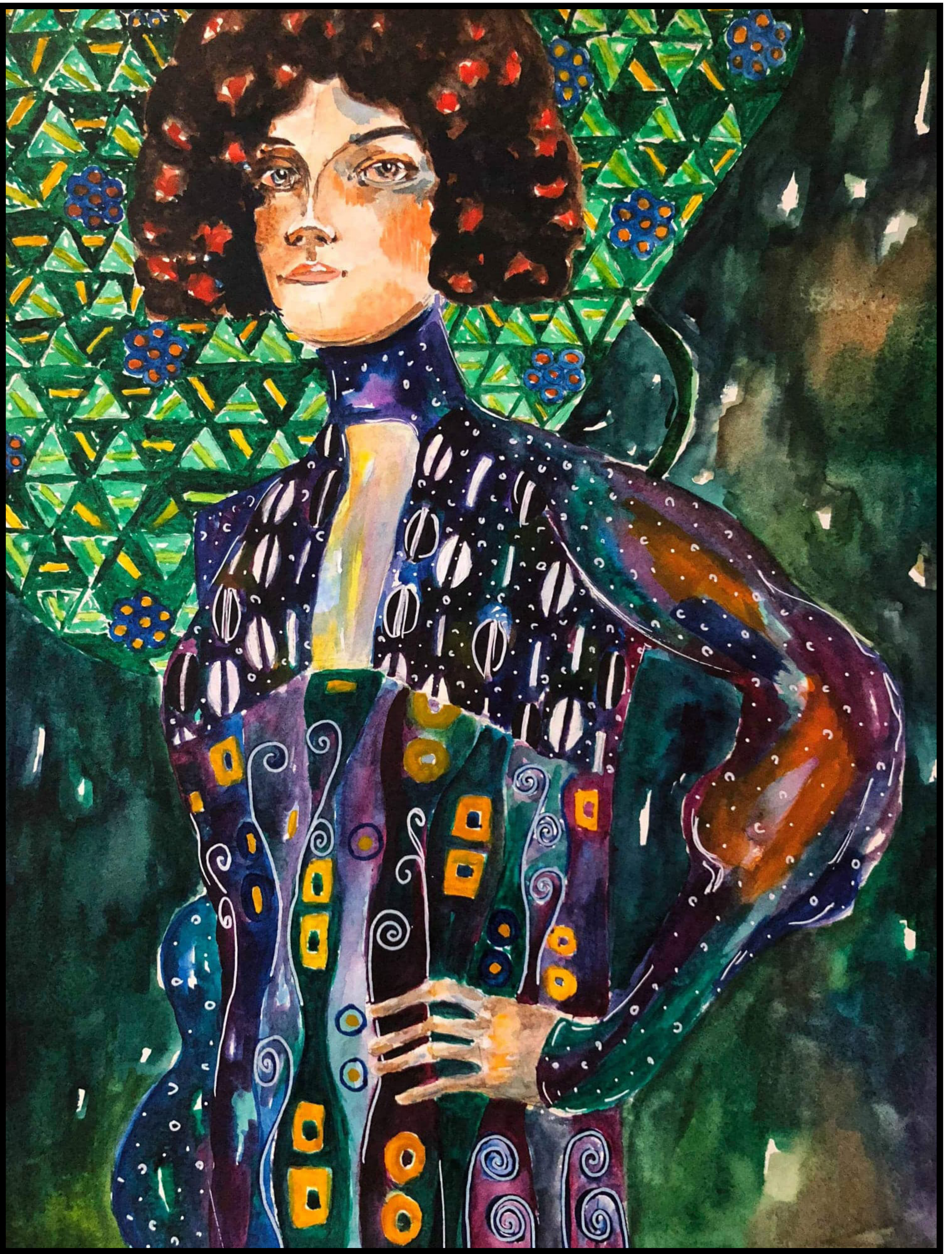
ARTS OF THE WEEK



VENTSISLAVA MITEVA

This art piece was created by a Bulgarian artist called Ventsislava, who studies Creative Business in the Netherlands. It is called "I'm fine"

"This drawing was inspired by the Korean boy band BTS. The drawing was drawn digitally on photoshop. The message behind this picture can be seen very well in the text on the image. The "I'm Fine" can be read as "Save me" when turned around. The idea here is to show how sometimes there is way more to someone than what it is shown on the surface. "



YANA SIMEONOVA

This art piece was created by a Bulgarian artist called Yana Simeonova, who studies Creative Business in the Netherlands. It is a reproduction of Gustav Klimt's Portrait of Emilie Flöge

"Being both a successful business woman and a fashion rebel, Emilie Flöge is not only one of Gustav Klimt's muses, but she is also an inspiration for many young women like me."



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a good concept,
then definitely do it.**

— CLAUDIA GLANSBEEK

A PHOTOGRAPHER'S JOURNEY:

Claudia, day and night.

DRAWING IN LIGHT

24 hours, 1440 minutes and 86400 seconds, that's how long it takes for a day to pass us by. We wake to the sunrise and wait for the sun to set, but never have we noticed that even standing at the same spot for those 24 hours, 1440 minutes and 86400 seconds the world can look like a completely different place. However, not all are oblivious to this, Claudia Glansbeek brings the two different worlds to life in her published book "Dag en Nacht Groningen."

Claudia (26) is a photographer from the Netherlands who is currently doing an entrepreneurial internship, trying to become what will hopefully be a freelance photographer for multiple magazines in order to show society that there are always two perspectives to the world. She is hoping to make an issue about rich society vs. the underground, creating a story through her photo portraying both sides.

A FATHER'S DAUGHTER

Claudia's father was her inspiration when it came to photography. Following in his footsteps, she began her journey of photography starting with her first camera at the age of 12 and filling up the roll of disposable film once

a week. "I almost shot one of them full every week."

The journey then led to using and working with professional cameras and sharpening her skills to one day fulfil her dream of turning what was her father's hobby of day and night photography into a book, which also included her love for graphic design. The completion of the book marked the start of Claudia's business in this sector.

Currently, she is trying her best to get in the world of editorial photography. That is because she has a big love for magazines. As of now, she has a clear goal for her future. "What I would really like to become is a magazine photographer." Another solid option for her would be to do photography for coffee table books.

"I know it's far away, it's a big ambition"

PERFECTIONIST AT HEART

The feeling that your work isn't good enough is common among artists and Claudia is no exception to this. While she luckily hasn't been criticized by others on her work, she's always had to deal with doubting her own abilities. -

Claudia seems to think that it is because she is a perfectionist at heart. "It's something I can't always switch off". This is evidenced by the fact that she can spend hours editing just one picture. "I always see something that I don't like about it, and I edit it again and again"

"I am my worst enemy"

However, Claudia's perfectionist ways have paved a way of success, not only having a published book but having a portfolio of incredible pictures and fighting for her dream. It's a path that is never easy, but Claudia came all the way from Groningen just to tell her story and to inspire others.

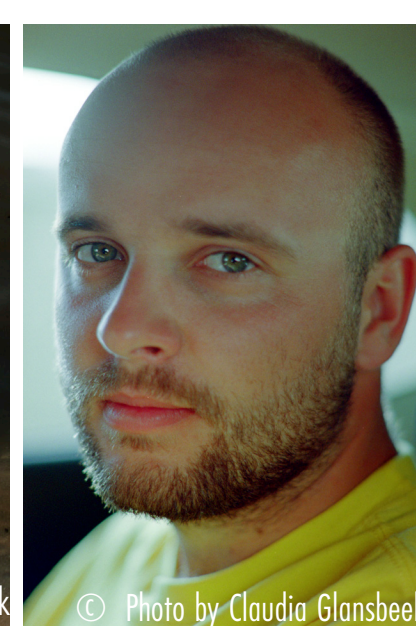
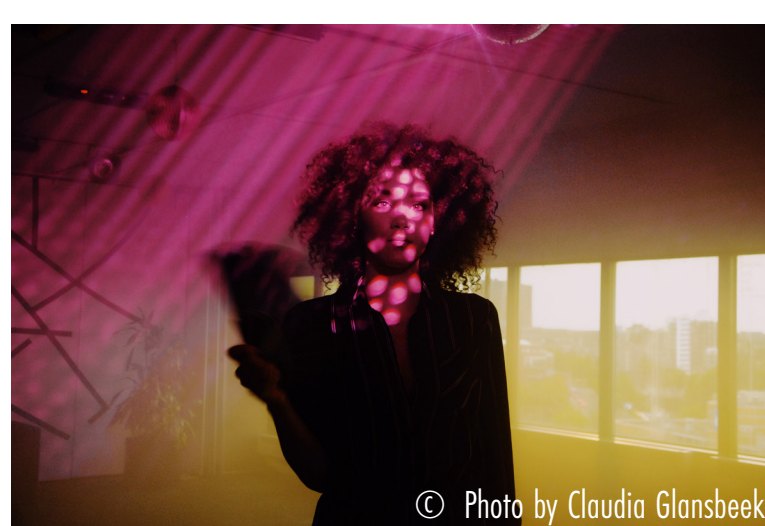
HIDDEN FIGHTER

Because Claudia tends to be hard on herself, she doesn't think that she can serve as an inspiration for others to express themselves. However, her work and her commitment to not only herself but to her art shows otherwise. Claudia is still fighting for her dream and it's an inspirational journey of uncertainty but commitment that has created success. She believes that people should try to turn their ideas and plans into reality, because otherwise they might regret not doing it.

"If you really think you have a good concept, then definitely do it"



A day and a night photo of Groningen Central, as portrayed in Claudia's book, Groningen day and night.



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INSTAGRAM CHALLENGE

THE POWER OF ART

What is undeniable is that art is powerful. On a societal basis, the art can provoke social change by making people aware of injustice and encouraging them to take action. On a personal level, it can have the power to move someone to tears of joy, sadness or anger.

ABOUT THE CHALLENGE

This is what we asked you to explore in this Individual challenge. We asked you to pick an art piece of any form, that is close to your heart and answer some questions explaining why you consider it art, what you think the intention of the artist was and why the piece is close to your heart. The winning art piece was sent to us by Sam. After taking a break from a long day of work in the family business, he returned to his desk to find a mysterious piece of art drawn on his notepad. Although he wasn't sure who created the magnificent masterpiece, he had a suspect in mind. His 7-year-old sister.

THE ART PIECE



ART IS COMMUNICATION

Not everybody would necessarily consider the drawing of a 7-year-old art. Sam defines art in a broad sense as a form of communication.

"It means whatever the artist intends it to mean, and this meaning is shaped by the materials, techniques, and forms it makes use of, as well as the ideas and feelings it creates in its viewers."



THE QUIET ARTIST

This particular piece is close to Sam's heart because of his connection to the artist. Sam would describe her as a more reserved individual. However, drawing is her passion and preferred form of self-expression. A piece of paper, walls, vinyl covers. No surface is safe from this, future master artist. The main content of her art consists of cheerful scenery, like birthday parties, holiday moments and beach days. Expressing the joy, she feels and wants others to feel while viewing her exquisite pieces.

THE ARTIST

NEXT WEEK

SINCE THE NEXT ISSUE WILL BE THE LAST ONE. WE HAVE PREPARED SOMETHING VERY UNIQUE AND PERSONAL FOR YOU. YOU DONT WANT TO MISS THE FINAL ISSUE!

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“He nods, as if to acknowledge that endings are almost always a little sad, even when there is something to look forward to on the other side.”

— EMILY GIFFEN
AUTHOR OF THE SOMETHING BORROWED SERIES

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